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1. The semi-military organization Paza is a police force responsible for the security of factories, shops, and other business centers, whose operations are of interest to the Rumanian Government, regardless of the military or non-military activity of the above places.
2. Paza personnel engaged in guard duty wear military type uniforms, dark grey in color. Although arms are not borne throughout the day, it is probable that guards are armed with rifles when on night duty. Paza guards wear caps with the word Paza across the front. Paza officers wear uniforms similar in all respects to the guards, except for the color which is khaki. Their salary varies from 50,000 to 60,000 lei a month. The salaries of Paza guards range from 4,000 to 7,000 lei a month.
3. Less important business centers, such as the Rahova Cooperative grocery located in Bucharest, are guarded by one Paza guard only. More important factories, such as the Filatura Romaneasca de Bumbac (cotton mill) at Strada Morarilor No. 2, Pantelimon, Bucharest, are guarded by 20 or more men, depending on the size of the building and the area to be covered.
4. Paza recruits its men from screening applications at the government employment offices, Oficiul de Plasare, or by investigating persons applying directly for Paza duty at the Militia headquarters in Bucharest.
5. Although the age of the applicant was formerly immaterial, there has been a recent change of policy which calls for hiring of men under 35 years of age. Applicants must be of poor families, or lower classes, preferably schooled in Communism. Applicants of merchant families, or well to do, are rejected.
6. One of the informants states that on 10 February 1951 all Paza guards in Bucharest were ordered to turn in their uniforms. The informant was told this by a friend of his who is a member of Paza, and a guard at the Manotehnica Factory on Strada Ferontari. No reason was given for this step.

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